



MINUTES

The fifth meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:05pm on September 23, 2003 with the Executive Vice President in the chair

A motion to approve the minutes was made. Seconded. *Motion approved unanimously.*

Moved to Special Orders, where Kristen Hartley was appointed, approved, and sworn in as a justice.

There were 33 out of 45 members present.

President John Bradley

- Attended the Board of Student Body Presidents meeting at NKU.
 1. They established a tuition task force.
 2. Need based aid will not increase or will increase slightly.
 3. The ad hoc committee will meet every week before the next BSBP meeting in October.
 4. BSBP drafted a letter and questionnaire to send to the Gubernatorial candidates about their plans for higher education. The results will be mailed to every student in a state school.
 5. Changes to the BSBP constitution were proposed and tabled until the next meeting.
 6. There will be a Gubernatorial debate on October 15, 2003, at the University of Kentucky at 8pm.
 7. There will be a Lieutenant Gubernatorial debate on October 8, 2003 at Northern Kentucky University at 8pm.
- Also attended the Governor's Trustee Conference.
 1. 15.8% of the state's budget goes to tuition; this may be cut.
 2. Had the opportunity to hear both Gubernatorial candidates speak. They are very different.
 3. Went to a session on Diversity and Affirmative Action
- We still need upperclassmen to serve on the University Senate. It is very important considering that debate on the plus/minus grading system is coming up.
- There is still a position open on the SACS QEP committee.

Executive Vice President Patti Johnson

- Remember that if you write legislation and want it to go up for first reading, it must be turned into me in my box by Monday at 5pm. In order for it to go up for second reading, you must go to LRC.
- Pizza party on September 30.
- On October 7, the committee heads and executive council will eat at Fresh Food Company.
- Attended a Student Life Foundation meeting at 7:30am. Discussed the budget mainly.
- Committees need to turn in their reports to Jessica.

Vice President of Finance Nick Todd

- We spent \$1.08 this past week.
- There were 92 organizations at the meeting.
- Org Aid applications are due Friday, September 26.



Vice President of Public Relations Abby Lovan

- The t-shirts have been ordered.
- The letters in the chambers will be put back up soon.

Vice President of Administration Jessica Martin

- There were two people brought up for Judicial Attendance Review.
- We will be using your Webmail address or whatever is listed under your name on the directory from now on.

Committee Reports

Coordinator of Committees

No report

Academic Affairs

- Meets Mondays at 2pm in the SGA office
- Will have a piece of legislation up for first reading on Tuesday.

Campus Improvements

- Met with Greg Fear and found out what happened to some of the things that money was allocated for but never bought or placed. \$2000 for furniture behind McLean Hall-want to put something unique there so they are still looking for the furniture; \$5000 for furniture outside the Subway in front of DUC-will be bought and placed after construction is done; \$2500 for a volleyball court in the Valley-preparing to put a high voltage wire and will tear up that area to put it in (may want to reallocate money elsewhere)
- Trashcans were removed from out in front of some halls as punishment because students were throwing their trash in those instead of in the disposal.
- Greg Fear had a lot of good ideas for things we could do.
- Should have three pieces of legislation up for first reading Tuesday.
- Meets Tuesdays at 4:30pm in front of the Bookstore.

Legislative Research

- Met Monday at 5pm in the SGA office and discussed the constitution.

Public Relations

- Met Tuesday at 4pm at Fresh Food Company.
- Got legislation ready for first reading next week.
- Thanks to Brittany Fausey for doing the bulletin board on the chambers.

Senior Recognition

- No report
- Patti has list of goals if you want to see it.

Student Affairs

- Will meet Thursday at 5:30pm in the office.
- Dialogue Day will be October 28 outside Java City from 12-2pm. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.
- Thursday we will discuss the Greek/Non-Greek panel and write legislation considering having personal information on the web. We will also write legislation for money for Dialogue Day.

Information Technology Director

- Put a web tracker on the site.
- Put up some random quotes.
- Changed the profile format.

Special Orders

Amelia Grenke was approved as the Student Government Association's new office associate.

Swore in a three new congress members.

Approved Katie Jeter as vice chair of the PR committee and Lori Frey as vice chair of LRC.

Judicial Council report

Met Monday at 5pm and made a ruling on the use of the term Academic Council in the Constitution, which no longer exists. We recommend that Academic Council be changed to University Senate. We will have attendance hearings at the next meeting.

University Senate report

Met last Thursday where a plus/minus grading system was proposed by Dr. Strow. This issue concerns how GPAs are determined. This is an issue we need to have one voice on; probably need to draft legislation. Will try to get Dr. Strow to come speak to Academic Affairs about it. Academic Affairs should also meet with Dr. Burch about it.

Lori Frey: Who has the final say on the decision?

Troy Ransdell: The provost if I am not mistaken.

Mary Johns: Whom does this really affect?

Natalie Croney: It mainly affects borderline students.

Unfinished Business

NONE

New Business

NONE

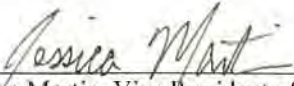
Announcements

There will be voter registration in DUC on Wednesday.

Org Aid applications are due Friday.

The International Festival is this weekend at Fountain Square.

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 5:41pm



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